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For Immediate Release: **REVISED SCHEDULE FOR CAPE ELIZABETH
Supreme Judicial Court to Hold Court at High Schools in Orono,
Newport, and Cape Elizabeth – Fall 2013 (Revised- 10/04/13)**

Portland, Maine-- Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley today announced the Court's 2013 schedule for visiting Maine high schools this fall. On Monday, October 7, 2013, beginning at 8:40 a.m., the Court will hear three cases at Orono High School, at the invitation of Senator Emily Cain. A second case will be heard at 9:40 a.m., and the third case at 10:35 a.m.

On Tuesday, October 8, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Court will hear three appeals at Nokomis High School, in Newport, at the invitation of House Minority Leader Rep. Kenneth Fredette. A second appeal will be heard at 9:55 and the third case at 10:40 a.m.

On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, starting at 8:55 a.m., the Court will be at Cape Elizabeth High School, at the invitation of Representative Kim Monaghan-Derrig, who also serves on the Judiciary Committee in the Legislature. The next two appeals will begin at 9:55 and 10:55 a.m.

For the past several years the Court has held oral arguments in actual appellate cases in high schools around the state. Last year, court was held at Biddeford, Brunswick and Bucksport High Schools. These trips are arranged at the invitation of local legislators. Since 2006, the Supreme Court has visited 25 schools and held approximately 75 appellate arguments before Maine high school students. In each school, the gymnasium or auditorium is turned into a real courtroom for the morning so that the students can observe the appellate process. Students receive copies of the parties' legal briefs in advance of the oral arguments, and after the oral arguments the lawyers stay to answer questions from students. When the cases are decided, the schools receive a link to the decision to provide to the students.

In making the announcement, Chief Justice Saufley said, "The Court never tires of sharing a window into the judicial system for Maine's high school students. Every year, we are energized and encouraged by the interest and engagement we see from so many students, and their teachers, during these visits. It is a wonderful opportunity to educate the students and the public about the appellate process, and we very much appreciate the extra work taken on by the schools to create a courtroom and provide a serious forum for the Court to carry out its business."

The press is welcome to attend. The case schedule and briefs are posted on the Court web site:

http://www.courts.state.me.us/maine_courts/supreme/oral_arguments.shtml

Live audio streaming of these cases, and all other Supreme Judicial Court oral arguments is available at:

http://www.courts.state.me.us/maine_courts/supreme/oral_arguments.shtml

For press interviews, video recording, or photographs of the Court, while the court is at the schools, please contact Mary Ann Lynch, at the above e-mail (24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ARGUMENT, to schedule an interview with the Chief Justice). Photographs and video of students are subject to the rules of the high school, and the press is requested to contact school officials directly.